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MEMORANDUM

To: All MA Ambulance Services  
EMCAB Members  
From: Abdullah Rehayem, Director  
Re: July 1, 2007 Implementation Date for Affiliation Agreement Regulation  
Changes  
Date: March 28, 2007

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As we notified you last month, the regulatory amendments that now require hospitals to be licensed to provide medical control service to ambulance services, as well as the few accompanying changes to the affiliation agreement section of the EMS regulations, became effective February 23, 2007. As we also noted, the Department's Division of Health Care Quality (DHCQ) has given hospitals until July 1, 2007 to come into full compliance with the standards for medical control service, in order to be licensed to deliver this service after that date.

As a result of the changes, some ambulance services may need to get revised affiliation agreements, in order for their hospitals to be in compliance with hospital regulations, and for the services themselves to comply with the few changes in the affiliation agreement section of the EMS regulations, at 105 CMR 170.300. Therefore, the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) is similarly **allowing ambulance services until July 1, 2007 to meet any new affiliation agreement obligations** that apply to them and their affiliate hospitals as a result of these regulatory changes. Once again, the amendments to the regulations can be found on the DHCQ website, at [http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/quality/hcq\\_circular\\_letters/hospital\\_general\\_0702472\\_addendum.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/quality/hcq_circular_letters/hospital_general_0702472_addendum.pdf). A full set of the EMS System regulations, incorporating the latest changes to the affiliation agreement section, can be found on the OEMS website, at <http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/regs/105cmr170.pdf>.

Thank you again for your hard work in providing EMS services to the residents and visitors to the Commonwealth.